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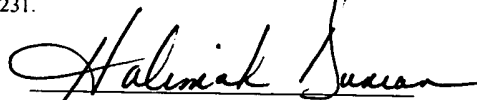
Sir:

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1. Original Declaration for Patent Application executed by inventors, Alvin Costa and Richard A. Coffey (Tab A);
2. Copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application Filing Date Granted (Tab B); and
3. Check in the amount of \$130 for declaration surcharge under 37 CFR 1.16(e).

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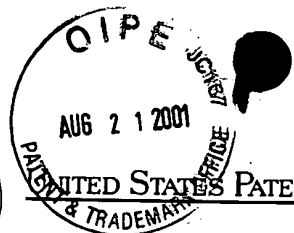
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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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